

NO MATCH FOR UNCLE SAM.

He Could Meet Any Army Ever Mustered in Ancient Times.

Man for Man, No Odds Asked—Xerxes Outnumbered—National Guard Alone Could Whip Alexander with His Own Weapons.

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Now that Greece has drawn her little blade and threatens to make terrible discord in what is called the "concert of Europe," many parallels are being drawn between her present attitude of defiance to the world and that wont to be assumed by the stalwart sons of ancient Greece when the dogs of war were unleashed. It stirs the heart of the modern Greek to hear himself referred to as a descendant of men who, with sword and spear, built up one of the mightiest military powers of ancient days. History may repeat itself, says the Greek of to-day, as he prepares to throw away the scabbard, and the world, always admiring pluck, applauds and turns to its ancient history for more parallels to suit the situation.

Americans being far out of earshot of discords in Europe's concert, and possessing judgments unwarp by any constitutional reverence for ancient history, can make comparisons and draw parallels that come very much nearer the bull's eye than those now being made and drawn in the old world. It may seem cruel to reduce to shavings the stories concerning the mighty armies that conquered worlds in the days of Greece's pride, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that no army was ever marshalled for war during the period preceding the Christian era that could not have been scattered like chaff before a Nebraska cyclone had it been attacked by a force such as the United States, to say nothing of the great European powers, could put into the field to-day—and this on even terms, irrespective of any changes in the mode of warfare.

Much that has been written concerning the great masses of fighting men that met in old-time battles is greatly exaggerated, though it has been handed down as history. Even if the

based on data supplied by the war department, shows that America to-day has available for service in the cause of the country no fewer than 10,149,598 men. These are not all trained soldiers, any more than were the hordes of Xerxes. It is safe to say, however, that at least half this number know how to handle a rifle and have at some time learned how to respond to military orders. Some were taught the goose step in the Kaiser's army; others were conscripted in France, Italy or Austria, or served the czar and smelled powder in the Russo-Turkish war; while others wear medals won in one or another of Britain's ceaseless scrimmages. So that if it came to reckoning camp followers and fighters together, Uncle Sam could annihilate Xerxes and his resurrected warriors by opposing 10,000,000 to 5,000,000; while, separating rabble from soldiers on both sides, the proportion in favor of the Americans would be about four to one, in the shape of 5,000,000 of fighters to the 1,200,000 moderately effective men under the Persian monarch—a crushing disparity that would cause Xerxes to regret having summoned his army from the quietness and seclusion of the grave.

So much for the finest army of ancient days. But a most interesting comparison can be drawn by taking the actual modern fighting force of America on a flying trip back through a few thousand years of time and landing them—say—in the year 333 B. C. There would be no force of trained fighters even in that fighting age that could stand up before our army without the certainty of defeat, for the warriors of America would outnumber by three to one the army that was able to conquer nearly the whole of the then civilized world—the invincible army of Alexander the Great. This army of Alexander numbered scarcely 50,000 men. At Issus, B. C. 333, Alexander, at the head of this force, is said to have met and defeated a Persian army of 60,000. In 331 B. C., at the battle of Arbela, he defeated another Persian army of 600,000. In 324 B. C., with a considerably smaller force, he had defeated 40,000 Persian and Greek mercenaries at Granicus. These three battles practically brought Persia to Alexander's feet and made him absolute master of the ancient



A woman's happiest fancies may come true if they are not all destroyed by ill-health; sickness is the touch at which happiness bursts like a bubble. A sick woman cannot be a happy wife or mother. Diseases incident to the delicate and intricate, feminine organism need the skilled treatment of an experienced specialist. Average doctors have not the opportunity to acquire the necessary special knowledge and skill. Dr. R. V. Pierce, for nearly thirty years chief consulting physician at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., has devoted a lifetime to the treatment of these delicate complaints, and his "Favorite Prescription" is the most successful medicine ever devised for women.

James Caswell, Esq., of Ochelitte, Johnson Co., Kans., (P. O. Box 51), writes: "My wife was troubled with prolapsus or 'female weakness' for several years. She was not able to do her work, she had such bearing down pains, and pain in the back. Her periods were irregular, varying all the way from two to six weeks. At those times she would have fainting spells so bad that she could not live. She was attended by the best doctors in the country. They did her no good, and she grew worse all the time. I picked up one of your advertisements and thought I would try your medicine. Before my wife had taken one bottle she seemed better; so I got her another. By the time she had taken four bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and two of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two of the 'Pleasant Pellets' she was completely cured. No more pain. Her monthly periods are regular now and she is stout and strong. She weighs 160."

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A FEW COMPARISONS.
1. Represents total number of possible fighting men (10,149,598) now in the United States. 2. Estimates of the United States army in 333 B. C. 3. Represents the famous collection of soldiers and camp followers, 2,500,000 of the former and as many of the latter, raised by Xerxes. 4. Effective fighters in the army of Xerxes, 1,200,000 men. 5. Trained soldiers now in the United States, 145,931 men. 6. Alexander's world-conquering army of 50,000 men.

Imagination of the historian is allowed free rein, however, no serious modification is necessary in the comparison between ancient and modern armies. The fact remains that Uncle Sam's aggregation of warriors could whip any ancient army that ever drew sword, could the old-timers be resurrected and set in battle array, fully equipped with modern weapons.

To tackle the biggest army first, let the tremendous force with which Xerxes set out from Persia to attempt the conquest of Europe, 480 years before the birth of Christ, be marshalled on earth once more. Xerxes spent four years in assembling this great host. His recruiting officers had scoured the empire for available men, going eastward through all Asia almost to the borders of Siberia and China, and south and west to the farthest borders of Egypt and Ethiopia. No fewer than 46 nations were compelled to give up their best men for the army that Xerxes intended should sweep the whole civilized world. When at last he was satisfied with the general look of things he numbered his vast horde by building a wall around 10,000 of them and measuring the rest in this inclosure he found—so ancient historians state—that his army comprised 1,700,000 fighting men. It was constantly augmented on the march, and by the time it reached Thermopylae the number is estimated by the same authorities at 2,500,000.

Xerxes doubtless thought that nothing could ever equal it while the world lasted. Counting camp followers, the whole army, according to Herodotus, numbered about 5,000,000 men. Deducting, besides the camp followers, the naked savages armed with sticks and stones and weapons that were about as effective as the bow and arrow would be in modern times, there remained an army of about 1,200,000 capable warriors, of which the very best, under the command of Mardonius—about 300,000 men—were destined to be routed the following year, 479 B. C., at Plataea by a Greek force of about 110,000, the combined army of Athens and Sparta and their allies.

But allowing—that no modern critic will concede—that the estimates of Herodotus are substantially correct, and that the army of Xerxes amounted, rabble and warriors, to the number of 5,000,000 fighting men, still Uncle Sam could whip the whole crowd with one hand tied behind him. To this mob of 5,000,000 he could oppose over 10,000,000. A careful estimate of the fighting force in the United States,

world. His 50,000 men were doubtless trained soldiers, but Uncle Sam's present force of trained men could have made short work even of Alexander. This American force would comprise 145,931 effective men trained to the use of arms. Among them would be the 26,355 enlisted men who make up Uncle Sam's gallant little army, an army that stands ready to tackle anything of its own size at any time. To this sturdy nucleus would be added the 118,576 men comprising the national guard of America, the number of all arms serving under the colors according to a close estimate just made. The army of American fighters trained for war would therefore number 145,931. Before this tremendous array of men the much-lauded force of 50,000 of the conquering Alexander dwindles into insignificance, and if conquest can be made the subject of comparison the army of the United States as it exists to-day—regulars and national guardsmen—could, armed with weapons similar to those in use in Alexander's time, have effectually stopped the latter in his merry little pastime of subjugating the world. After stopping him it could have wiped Alexander and his men off the face of the earth that they had started out to subdue, and could then have proceeded to conquer it themselves at their leisure.

But to turn to other nations. If the 306,000 Carthaginians sent in the year 480 B. C. against the Greeks in Sicily were defeated by a force of 50,000 foot and 5,000 horse led by Gelon of Syracuse, what chance would they have stood against Uncle Sam's 5,000,000 of men? Hannibal's original army of 100,000 men, only a small fraction of whom crossed the Alps into Italy in 218 B. C., would have made a very sorry showing had the modern American army been waiting to receive him. The force which threatened all-conquering Rome with destruction could have been dispersed without calling out the whole of the national guard.

There were vast hordes that invaded ancient Rome that could hardly be dignified with the name of soldiers—the Teutones and Cimbri were nomad hordes, practically savages—enormous in the aggregate, but easily defeated by trained warriors. America's regulars could have whipped any of these vast nomadic tribes without the assistance of the national guard, but if necessary they could have been opposed, man for man, in spite of their vast numbers, by the fighting force of the United States to-day.

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LOCAL NEWS.

This is Holy week.

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Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

The best blood purifier is Ray's Sarsaparilla—at West's drug store. 50c.—22-dtf

If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf

Boys' Oxford and tan high shoes, any size, \$1.27 a pair, reduced from \$3; new coin toes at Powers' shoe store.—8-dw1w

The best spring tonic for that tired feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at West's drug store. 75c.—22-dtf

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. meh 25-dtf

The Illinois druggists will meet at Champaign June 15 and 16.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodet's News House.—14-dtf

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 228 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.

Not moved, not dead, nor sleeping, wide awake at the old stand, 248 North Main street, Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.—o-2t

This will be the last week for hustling among the candidates for city offices and aldermen. The polls will be open on Tuesday, April 20.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

Before you have your spring papering done go and see W. C. Pluck, 109 East North street. Exclusive wall paper store.—5-d2w

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Consins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to 5½, width A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8d-1w

The excursion to New York Apr. 23rd to 26th, via Wash account Grant Monument ceremonies is the first one since the Christian Endeavor society held their meeting there in 1894. april10-d3t

The gross receipts of the Illinois Central from traffic for the month of March was \$1,730,161, an increase of \$1390 over the same month of last year. For the eight months ended March 1, 1897, the excess of receipts over operating expenses and taxes amounted to \$4,715,126, a decrease of \$689,947 from the receipts in excess of expenses during the same period of the preceding fiscal year.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 486. M. F. Metz.—81-dtf

A party of young society people are preparing to entertain their friends in handsome style on the evening of April 30 at the Turner Hall. They will give a little theatrical entertainment, presenting "A Scrap of Paper." Among those who will take part are Misses Eugenia Harris, Nita Thatcher, Sallie Scruggs, Lena Ulrich, Jessie Montgomery, Gertrude Tyler, James Stafford, Henry Ehrman, Edgar Quinlan, Reeves Scruggs and Lute Roby. It will be an invitation affair.

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May Bros, Beckwith Grocery, L. H. Kater, H. Meyer, McMahon & Fulton, Schille & Oehler, I. N. Cool, Weckerman & Knapp, D. Armbruster, B. W. Davis, Geo. Rive, T. T. Springer, C. A. Maclell, William Niedermeyer.

CANVASS OF TOWN VOTE.

Official Figures on the Town Election Held on April 6.

On Saturday the town board for Decatur township met and canvassed the vote cast for township officers April 6. The board is composed of Supervisor May, Collector James Carter, Assessor S. T. Keeler and Town Clerk Nichols. All the members were in attendance except Supervisor May, who was out of the city on a business trip. The results of the work of the board is given below, the names of the Republican candidates being given first:

Supervisor, H. F. May, 2400; C. J. Hartley, 1335. Assistant supervisors, five to elect, John Allen, 2333; Fred W. Klipp, 2193; George W. Stoy, 2503; James H. Record, 2134; W. H. Spence, 2159; David Hanks, 1272; Elijah Hampton, 1222; J. W. Bradfield, 1816; C. C. Harpstrite, 1255; Oliver White, 1253.

Town Clerk—A. H. Cope, 2083; W. P. Lindsay, 1337.

Assessor—W. W. Foster, 2032; L. S. Hall, 1437.

Collector—L. H. Martin, 2062; R. F. Kincald, 1894.

Commissioner—William Bundy, 2139; J. W. Fletcher, 1331.

Justices, five to elect—G. P. Hardy, 2294; James O'Mara, 2223; W. H. Shorb, 1036; P. B. Provost, 2173; W. O. Smith, 2266; J. Q. A. Odor, 1460; Henry McDermott, 1212; W. G. Barnes, 1844; W. W. Peddecord, 1382; G. D. Dilatash, 1179.

Constables, five to elect—Bunn J. Post, 2160; T. L. Antrim, 2338; John T. Lloyd, 2331; H. K. Midkiff, 2319; W. W. Conrad, 2331; J. W. Kirkbride, 1422; James Hale, 1183; M. C. Purdy, 1115; Arendo Ford, 1833; J. H. Groves, 1387.

Poundmaster—Greenbury Martin, 2036; Charles Gallagher, 1110.

The following are the pluralities: May, 1065; Allen, 1061; Klipp, 970; Stoy, 837; Record, 879; Spence, 908; Cope, 755; Foster, 645; Martin, 668; Bundy, 758; Hardy, 834; O'Mara, 1011; Shorb, 698; Provost, 898; Smith, 1037; Post, 788; Antrim, 1040; Lloyd, 1108 Midkiff, 987; Conrad, 994; Martin, 976.

RATTLER WAS RIGHT.

A Confession Connects the Barnett Brothers in the Burglary at Kenney.

Three boys are under arrest at Kenney as the result of the investigation by the authorities in the two burglaries that occurred there Thursday night says the Clinton Public.

An old pair of gloves were found in one of the stores, supposed to have been dropped by one of the thieves. Joseph Works identified the gloves as belonging to Fred Henry, a lad of 17 years, living with his father, B. F. Henry, on a farm near Kenney. At 11 o'clock Friday night officers went to the Henry house, arrested the boy and took him to Kenney. At a preliminary trial held there Saturday, he at first denied being implicated in the affair, but later confessed to being one of the parties that burglarized the stores. He also turned state's evidence and implicated the two Barnett brothers, George and Frank, aged respectively 18 and 22 years. Officers at once obtained a warrant and went in search of the Barnett boys who were finally captured at their home three miles west of Kenney about 10 o'clock a. m. The blood hounds that were there from Decatur made two runs to the Barnett residence and there was little doubt in the minds of the people that the boys were implicated. Search was made for the stolen property but so far nothing has been discovered. Frank Barnett has been arrested three times, charged with burglary and larceny, but so far has been able to keep out of the penitentiary. George, the youngest of the boys, has served a term in the reformatory at Pontiac, having recently been liberated.

OUT ON A TRIP.

Illinois Railways to be Officially Inspected by the Commission.

The Illinois railroad and warehouse commissioners began their annual inspection of the railroads of the state today, starting from Chicago and going to Duquene, traveling in a private car. The ballasted roads will be inspected first. The date is placed early in the order that the commission may conclude before the warm weather. The first road to be inspected will be the Illinois Central. From Duquene they go to Freeport, and on the 18th to Bloomington. On Wednesday, April 14, they go to Decatur to Cairo and to East St. Louis from Cairo on Thursday, April 15. On the 16th they will leave St. Louis over the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis for Centerville, from which point they will go to Chicago, arriving in the last named city on Saturday morning, April 17. This concludes the first itinerary.

Teachers' Meeting.

The following is the program for the teachers' meeting that will be held at County Superintendent Keller's office next Saturday:

Song, audience.

Composition—Miss Coolidge.

Current Events—G. N. Dunham.

Practical Geography—H. H. Slater.

Music—George W. Hall.

Grammar, Eighth Month—C. J. Foster.

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The Republican supreme judicial convention will be held at the court house on Thursday, April 15. There will be 81 delegates in the convention.

Left the M. E. Conference.

Clinton Public: A report has been circulating in Clinton to the effect that Rev. W. J. Tull, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, but later of Carrollton, had left the Methodist conference, and accepted a call of the Presbyterian church in Litchfield.

Close of the Mission.

The Catholic mission closed at St. Patrick's church Sunday night with a sermon by Father Rosewinkle and with the papal blessing by Father Finnegan. It is claimed that during the mission, which continued for two weeks, fourteen Protestants accepted the Catholic faith.

Case of Diphtheria.

The first case of diphtheria in many weeks in Decatur was reported to the board of health this morning. It was handed in by Dr. Holl and located in the family of J. R. Thompson at 840 West Green street. The proper warning card was tacked up at the house this forenoon.

Notice to the Public Library.

Notice is given to all parties concerned that after April 15 books will not be issued at the public library; but the rooms in library block will be open to receive books until May 1. The library will be removed to the new rooms in Powers block, beginning May 1, and will be open to the public again about June 1.

Killed at Milmine.

About midnight last Saturday a man named Henson was killed by the Wash fast mail train at Milmine about twenty miles east of this city. The man got off the east bound Wash train and stopped in front of the fast train. His arm was cut off and his body badly mangled. Henson was a farm hand living near Milmine.

A Wife's Complaint.

Charles Osborn, residing on North Alton street, stands charged with having assaulted his wife, who makes the complaint. The state warrant was issued today and the hearing will be had in Justice Hardy's court this afternoon. Allen was arrested Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Stabler and Officer Dempsey. Osborn had a loaded pistol on his person when arrested.

The Springfield Presbytery.

The semi-annual meeting of the Springfield Presbytery will convene at the Second Presbyterian church in Springfield Tuesday evening and will continue until Thursday. This Presbytery includes about 35 churches and the pastors and delegates as well will be in attendance. The annual meeting of the Home Missionary society of the church will be held Tuesday and the annual meeting of the Foreign society Wednesday.

Competitive Examination.

On June 4 and 5 a competitive examination will be held for a scholarship for the Illinois University at Champaign. The scholarship will confer upon the holder the privilege of a four year course in any of the undergraduate branches at the university. The applicants must be examined in general history, geometry, rhetoric, literature, physics, zoology and elements of astronomy. All graduates of the high school and other advanced students can take the examination.

Served Three Years.

Richard J. Ellis, who has been a private in Troop B, second regiment, United States regular army, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, has returned to his home in Decatur on a furlough. He entered the service at 18 and has been on duty for three years. Dick will probably remain at home, as he has other plans in life. He thinks the strict discipline of military life is good for any young man and he is glad that he has had the experience afforded him.

The Rev. Miller Life Insurance.

Bloomington Bulletin, 11th: Sarah W. Miller by her attorneys; T. C. Kerick and Judge Reeves, commenced suit Saturday against the K. T. and Masons' Life Insurance company for \$10,000 insurance carried by her late husband, Rev. James Miller, who was pastor of Grace church. It will be remembered that he was found shot to death in an alley at Decatur. It was at first pronounced murder and later declared by some to be suicide. The company resists payment on the ground of a suicide clause in the policy invalidating it. The friends of Rev. Miller scout the idea of suicide. He had carried this insurance for several years, and the company has made a tender of \$1000 he paid in premiums.

DECATUR AT ST. LOUIS.

Two Young Men Graduated in Medicine from the Marion-Sims College.

Saturday night the annual commencement exercises of the Marion-Sims College of Medicine and Dentistry were held at the Fourteenth street theatre at St. Louis in the presence of 2000 people. There were 39 medical and 15 dental graduates to whom the dean of the college, Dr. Y. H. Bond, delivered the handsome diplomas. Preceding the presentation there was music and addresses. Among the medical graduates were Dr. John Bostwick Spalding of Decatur, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Spalding; also Arthur Nye Brock of Decatur. Young Dr. Spalding has been attending the Marion-Sims college for several years to fit himself for the practice of medicine. He will now engage in the practice of his profession, possibly in Decatur.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 20-dw&1w

BISHOP WILL SOW FLAX.

There is Good Profit in It—Beats Corn or Oats.

I. H. Bishop, tenant on the Prickett farm four miles east of Decatur, was in the city Saturday and in conversation with a Republican reporter stated that it was his purpose to put in about 10 acres of his 190 farm in flax seed this spring, cutting down the oats space to that extent. Mr. Bishop has raised flax successfully in Macon and Monticello counties in past years and has always found it profitable, the prices per bushel ranging from 90 cents to \$1.25. An acre sown in oats will yield about 14 bushels and the net profit is about \$11.25 to the acre, while the best that can be done with oats is \$5.50 to \$5.75.

There is a good market right at home for all the flax seed that can be produced in Macon county. H. H. Clark & Co., have towmills and they will pay the highest market price for flax. The company is compelled to ship in the seed from other points to be used in the manufacture of their products.

Mr. Bishop says it is a very easy thing to raise flax. It is no trouble at all, and flax is good for the soil. Mr. B. breaks the ground, harrows it down, uses a half bushel of seed to the acre, and then drags a brush over the field to get the seed under the soil properly. The flax ripens nicely and is cut with a reaper. After threshing the "fodder" makes excellent feed for growing stock, better than oats straw.

Grand Army Items.

It should be remembered that the Ladies Aid society of the S. of V. will report their entertainment at Grand Army hall Thursday evening.

The Woman's Relief Corps will meet in regular session tomorrow afternoon. All the members are expected to be present.

Dunham Post No. 141 G. A. R. meets Tuesday evening. The matter of preliminary arrangements for Memorial day will be taken up and other important business will be transacted, hence a good attendance is desired.

The Woman's Relief Corps is arranging for an entertainment at the opera house April 27. They will give the opera Pinaflore. The indications are that it will be a great success.

A banquet will be tendered Commander Cochran and staff in Chicago next Monday evening.

Thomas Postwell, agent, has completed arrangements with Commander Cochran and the railroads to run the headquarters train over the P. D. & E. railway to Galesburg on the occasion of the meeting of the state encampment. The train will start from Olney the morning of May 4th and will leave Decatur at 6:35 and will be the headquarters train for the W. R. C. as well as the Grand Army. There will be a change of cars at Peoria but all who go on this train will arrive in Galesburg before noon. Commander Cochran and staff will be on the train.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a humming sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Change of Residence.

Wenzel Steinbach and family today took possession of the dwelling on North Main street in the 500 block, recently purchased and fitted up by Mr. S. The residence was formerly occupied by Fred K. Bartholomew and family.

Bread, Bread.

You can buy your bread for less money than the flour will cost you, provided you get full sixteen ounces per loaf, which you will when you buy the Decatur Cracker Co.'s Blue Label bread. For sale at all grocery stores. One loaf for 4 cents; three loaves for 10 cents; six loaves for 20 cents; eight loaves for 25 cents. 7 d8

A Sunday Fight.

Sunday Mages Randolph and Charles Brumwell engaged in a fight on South Main street, and both were arrested. Randolph was struck with a ball bat and hit with a stone.

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We have just purchased for cash from Arno'd, Constable & Co., New York, one hundred pieces of Beautiful Black and Colored Dress Goods at one-half their actual value, on account of the lateness of the season. They include glossy, lustrous German Black Matlase, Beautiful Black French imported High Class Fabrics, Figured Mohairs and Figured Sicilians in Scrolls and Floral Designs. Also Figured Etamines, Finest French Serges, also Nubians, Alsatians and Vicunas. It is a big purchase for this time of the year, but to dispose of them quickly and at once

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Like this for \$2.98.

2 pieces of all wool, 48-inch French Serges, warranted every thread pure wool, in black, navy blue, green, brown, tan, and all desirable shades, regular value 50c a yard. To dispose of them quickly and at once we offer

5 yards of these goods,
5 yards of best Skirt Cambric,
2 yards of 15c Silasia,
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5 yards of Velveteen Binding,
1 set of Stays,
1 pound of Silk (100 yards),
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ALL FOR.....\$2.98
N.B.—The Linings, etc., alone are worth \$1.50.

Like this for \$3.39.

20 pieces of beautiful Black German Matlase, 10 inches wide, silky lustrous, look-like brocade black satin. All new designs, scrolls, geometrical and floral figures. These goods are positively retailed at 50c a yard and are equal in appearance to goods sold for 75c. For this sale to dispose of them quickly and at once we offer:

5 yards of these goods,
5 yards of best Skirt Lining,
2 yards of 15c Silasia,
2 yards of 20c Canvas,
5 yards of Velveteen Binding,
1 set of Twin Stays,
1 pound of Silk (100 yards),
1 pound of Hooks and Eyes,
1 pound of Cotton,

ALL FOR.....\$3.39
N.B.—The Dress Goods alone are worth everywhere \$3.50.

Remember we refund your money if everything is not exactly as represented.

Like this, all for \$3.89.

10 pieces of 48-inch all wool Brocade Black Goods, beautiful lustrous figures. All the very latest designs in lovely scrolls and small and large floral figures. Also 10 pieces of genuine Imported 50-inch French Serges. These goods are absolutely worth 65c to 75c a yard, but to dispose of them quickly and at once, for this sale we offer:

6 yards of these goods with all the Linings as above for.....\$3.89
N.B.—The Dress Goods alone are worth from \$3.90 to \$4.50.

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Like this.

A beautiful Novelty Dress with all the Linings for.....\$4.25
20 pieces of new, beautiful, high class Novelties in Silk, Mixtures, Fancy Scotch Suitings, English Coverts, Panama Weaves and Basket Effects. These goods are absolutely worth 65c a yard and are equal in appearance to Dress Goods retailed for \$1.00. To dispose of them quickly and at once, for this sale we offer:

7 yards of these goods with all the Linings for.....\$4.25
N.B.—Remember the Dress Goods alone are worth \$4.55.

Like this for \$6.89.

20 pieces of finest Imported Black Dress Goods, all the latest and most desirable weaves, the products of the finest foreign looms. These goods are positively worth \$1.50 and \$1.25 a yard. To see them is enough. Come and see. To dispose of them quickly and at once at this sale we offer:

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GROWS RICH CROPS.

Relics of a Giant Race Found on a Florida Farm.

A graveyard in a farm is not an extraordinary thing, but a farm in a graveyard is something different. Imagine a vast tract of many acres, planted with corn, cane, tomatoes and many other vegetables, whilst the ground round about is almost completely covered with skulls, bones and other debris that belong to a graveyard proper. Such is the farm of Capt. E. J. Watson, who lives at Chatham Bay Key, some 30 miles from Fort Myers, Fla., in the Tel Island section. In the fields are seen big corn stalks and sugar cane growing out through empty skulls, while the ground underneath the thickly matted tomato vine seems nothing but a surface of bones.

This key is one of the most peculiar of the many odd islands in this group. It is a large island, containing about 50 acres most being extremely rich land. In the center is a sort of raised highland, containing about ten acres. On the edge of this there are still to be seen remains of what was formerly probably a fortification of some kind, the coquina walls showing about a foot high in some places, while in others they have completely disappeared. In the center are the ruins of what was once a temple of some sort, the fragments of wall foundations still remaining being about 300 by 300 feet, in the form of an eight-pointed star. In the center of this island is a square upright column made from coquina. It is over 12 feet high, but from its foundation and other points it would seem to have been at least two feet square, and possibly 20 or more feet high. Queer Indian figures can be made out on it.

The Indians hereabouts have a superstition regarding this island, and it is impossible to get any of them to visit it at night. Chief Leonadachee, one of the oldest Indians here, says that years ago when the Spaniards in Florida were prosecuting the Indians a powerful race inhabited this southern section. They were large and fierce, and astonished the invaders by their gigantic size and immense strength. He says that this tribe was driven south of the Chatham river, beyond which lies an impenetrable morass. They made this their last fighting ground, and many tales are told of the encounters that occurred there between the Spaniards and these Indians. Finally they were driven away from this refuge and what was left of the tribe, possibly 1,000, moved to this island. A mighty battle was fought here afterward, and it is supposed that the tribe was completely exterminated. An examination of the farm would indicate that a massacre of some kind had occurred, as the whole upper part of the key is completely covered with skulls and various body bones of all sizes and conditions. One can scarcely walk without treading on something of the kind. Hundreds and hundreds of the skulls are crushed in, as if the owner had been killed by a bludgeon wound, or by a battle-axe; in fact, three-fourths of the skulls picked up show the marks of wounds of this character.

A large number of skeletons have been put together, and the result has been surprising; a majority of them are nearly eight feet in height, correspondingly broad in shoulders and with a mighty arm-reach. All the other frame bones are correspondingly large, being much larger than the bones of an ordinary human body. A good many scientists have visited this section this winter, but none of them could explain the strange find, except on the hypothesis of a complete massacre and an extinction of this tribe. Mr. Watson's farm is noted for its richness, decaying bones giving it an immense amount of fertilizing. From 30 acres planted in cane and vegetables he has sold nearly \$10,000 worth of stuff. This shows the incomparable richness of the place.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HOW ENGLISH IS TAUGHT.

Colleges Scored for Their Methods of Presenting Our Literature.

Probably no educational problem has ever been attacked with so light a heart or has accomplished more harm to real cultivation than what is known as "English" in our college departments. Under this compendious heading is gathered an attempt to teach students how to use English as a tool, how to know English as a tongue and how to appreciate English literature. The practical result, as the study is carried on in a large number of institutions, is that the student is disgusted with the greater monuments of the tongue, acquires conceptions of fantastic precision in its use and learns just enough of its philology to leave him with the impression that he knows something.

Scarcely any of our colleges has really grasped the necessity of making vivid to students the great monuments of literature and treating the rest as subordinate. Instead, we have our universities studying and often giving prizes for the study of second and fourth rate authors, which are dug up and written about and treated as of consequence. They are as a part of the textual study of the history of literature; they are not as soul discipline. Life is short and a college course is shorter. It is more necessary in it to discipline a man into admiration of great men than to give him a minute acquaintance with the facts about small men or the details of language. Neither is there any path to style so sure, so subtle or so easy as that unknown path which the lion has trod alone.—Philadelphia Press.

Another Celebrity.

"Do you see that young woman over there? Her picture is now being published in all the magazines and other periodicals in the country."

"Indeed? Who is she? The daughter of some man who has become prominent in politics? Or a celebrated actress? Or has she written a successful story, or—"

"No. She is the Tight Fit Corset company's model."—Cleveland Leader.



ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK BRADLEY as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward at the approaching city election.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH, where they are selling so much of their choice land near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level, fertile, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one, and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business, have land to exchange for stocks of goods, goods to exchange for land, in fact can do you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bay from Galveston. We use our oil and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.

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WAR IN KENTUCKY.

The Hunter and Brady People to Denounce Each Other.

Louisville, Ky., April 12.—The Evening Post's Frankfort says: The senatorial situation is sensational in the extreme. Rumors damaging in their nature have followed fast on each other since Saturday. The latest is, that within forty-eight hours the Hunter Republicans will introduce in the house a resolution denouncing Governor Bradley most severely. Hunter's followers openly charge that the governor had a hand in instigating the bribery charges against Hunter. The governor's friends vehemently deny he had any connection with it, and say if such a resolution is introduced the governor will go on the floor of the house and make a speech that will be full of sensations from end to end. Congressman Wilson and E. T. Franks, implicated with Hunter in the charges of bribery were summoned before the grand jury this morning. The Democrats and holding Republicans this morning broke a quorum in the joint session of the legislature so there was no choice for United States senate.

Decision for Devore.

Virgil Devore, through his attorneys, J. Morgan & Lee, won a victory in the county court today. The will made by Devore's late wife, did not suit Mr. D. because he was left but a small portion of the property, and because an outsider was named as executor. The will was set aside by the court and now Mr. Devore will be the administrator and under the law while he lives he can possess one-half the property.

—Supervisor Ross Hockaday of Oreamo, and Banker Woodcock of Macon, were in the city today.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

STRANGE PLANTS.

Some of the Curious Growths That Travelers Have Noted.

Early travelers in China and Tur-tary speak of a "plant of flesh and blood, with the shape and appearance of a lamb; having feet, tail and head, distinctly formed, and its skin covered with soft down." The lamb is said to grow upon a stalk three feet in height and to turn about and bend to the herbage that serves for its food; and when the grass fails it dries up and withers away. There is some foundation for this queer story in the existence of a singularly shaped plant recently discovered which has a sort of woolly covering; and in order to heighten the general effect, the natives trim the plant and adjust the long, light, silky hairs that cover it in such a style as to give it the appearance of a wool-clad animal. It is natural to suppose that this plant would wither when the grass begins to fail, for even if it did not subsist upon the grass as reported the same drought that served to kill the grass would naturally destroy the plant.

The value of the plant world, not only in furnishing the pulpy material of which paper is manufactured, but also in supplying the paper itself outright may not be fully appreciated by those who have not investigated the subject. It is well known that the Egyptian papyrus in early days was the main source from which anything like our modern paper was derived. This was a reed that grew by the brooks, with a stem six to ten feet in height and about an inch in diameter. These were peeled and the pith was cut into thin slices, with the edges touching one another. After being sprinkled with water a heavy pressure was applied and they were thus united into one piece. It may not be so generally known that there now grows in Asia a tree, the bark of which is made into sheets about a yard square, and these are used for the ordinary purposes of paper, being very tough and durable. The soft and durable Chinese rice paper is not the product of any part of the rice plant, but is the pith of a tree, which by the aid of a lathe and a sharp instrument, is cut into very thin and delicate rolls.—Chicago News.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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98c for \$1.50 quality Street Gloves for Ladies, with snap buttons.	3c yard for big lot of 5c and 7c Embroidery.
25c set for 50c Shirt Waist Sets, new colors.	48c pair for a good Corset worth usually 75c.
15c yd. for 25c Veiling, new purples, greens, reds and blues.	75c pair for a good serviceable Button Shoe, reduced from \$1.50.
69c yard for the latest \$1.00 yd. Waist Silks.	15c for Window Shades and all Fixtures.
25c yard for 58-inch bleached Table Damask.	\$1.90 for Ladies' Black or Blue Suit, Jacket and Skirt, worth \$7.50.
\$2.95 for a \$4.00 Velvet Beaded Cape.	\$8.90 for Ladies' Ready Made Dresses, all silk trimmed and made in our own shop, worth \$13.50.
4½c yard for an 8c all linen Crash Toweling.	98c for Ladies' \$1.50 Night Gowns.
15c yard for 25c Red Table Damask.	13c for Stair Carpet, worth 30c yd.
25c for choice of new 50c quality Belts.	2½c for new Chatelaine Bags, the 50c kind.
25c for lot of Boys' Ruffled Waists.	\$5.90 for a \$9.00 Brocade Satin Skirt.

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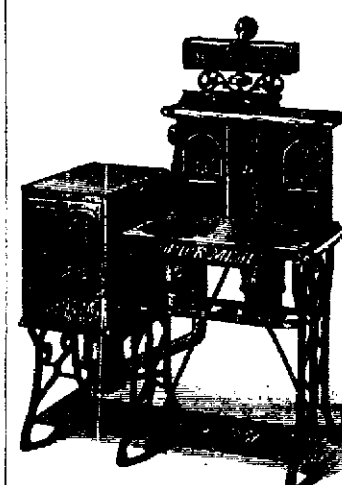
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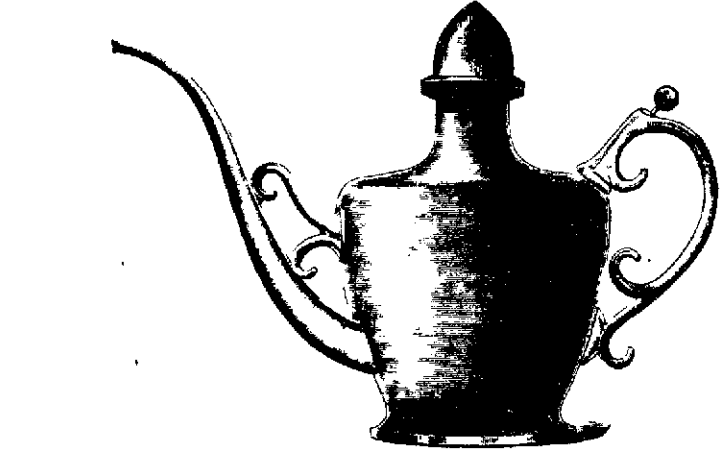
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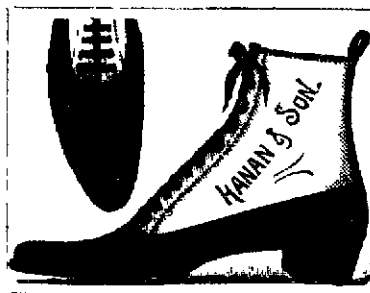


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These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this Department:

NO. 1.

Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.

NO. 2.

Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 3.

Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.

NOS. 5 AND 6.

Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

NO. 29.

Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 10.

Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Patent, sizes 5 1/2 to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.

NO. 13.

Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

In our regular stock we have all the best makes of Shoes in every fashionable style, and all widths and all sizes. We are headquarters for all that is best in Shoes and will take great pleasure in waiting on you at any time when you are in need of Footwear. We buy our goods right, buy them to sell and not to look at, and we know that we can please you in quality and price. COME AND SEE US.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

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A large new stock of the highest quality perfumes just received at West's drug store. Forty cents per ounce.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Main.—1-dlm.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtf

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wt

Clark and Schroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 29, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money solicited to place upon good city and farm property.—27-dtf.

The Deatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Water.—1-dlm.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dlw

CYCLONE Insurance in first class companies J. L. Drake, over P. O.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

Held yesterday by Rev. F. C. Oberly at the English Lutheran Church—Other Church News.

At the First English Lutheran church Sunday evening confirmation services were held by the pastor, Rev. Frank C. Oberly. Twelve persons were admitted to the church. The attendance was large and the services were of an interesting nature. Those who were confirmed were George W. Meyer, Mattie Kresin, Ella Sether, Augusta Kersky, Grace and Arthur Shmoniewski, Lizzie Rafter, Mrs. Ann J. Barnhart, Hannah Nae, David Peters. Three other persons, Will Smith, Charles Sussens and Lizzie Kaufman were admitted to the church by baptism. At the morning service Rev. Oberly preached a special sermon to the members of the confirmation class. He told the young people that when they were confirmed they made themselves responsible and urged them to live up to what they knew to be right. With these who were confirmed Sunday there has been a total of thirty-five persons who have been admitted to the English Lutheran church since Mr. Oberly was placed in charge as pastor which has been a little over a year ago.

The Presbytery, Tomorrow Rev. W. H. Penhallegon will go to Springfield to attend the annual meeting of the Springfield presbytery which will be in session at that city this week. Mrs. M. W. Shultz, Mrs. R. G. Wells and Miss Carrie Powers will represent the First Presbyterian church at the missionary meeting which will be held at the same time.

Passion Week Services Passion week begins today and will be observed at a number of the churches. Services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church and also at All Angels' church. At St. Patrick's church special services will be held on Wednesday and Thursday and also on Good Friday. Rev. Oberly will hold services every evening this week. He will preach a series of sermons on the subject of "Christ's Passion." This evening his subject will be "His Nature."

At Grace M. E. Church. There were 238 persons in attendance at the Grace Mission Sunday school yesterday and 498 at Grace church school.

The members of the Epworth League of Grace church will attend the First Methodist church tonight to visit the Endeavor society.

On Friday evening Rev. E. B. Randle will lecture to the league on the subject of "Blunders." An admission of ten cents will be charged.

Next Saturday the ladies of Grace church will give a supper and sale in the vacant store room in the Haworth block east of Powers' shoe store.

At the Tabernacle.

Elder P. W. Humphrey conducted the communion and introductory services in the morning. Rev. Hall arrived on the 11-30 train from Winchester, just in time to preach one of the most impressive discourses he has ever delivered in this city, the subject being "The Heavenly Relationship." The audience was large, but the intense interest and quiet made the hour one long to be remembered. There were many weeping, and old members declared it to be the best service ever held in the building. There were several prominent additions to the church at the close of this service.

At 3 o'clock a splendid service for men only was held. Several hundred were present, among the number numerous business and professional men, and other leading citizens. This was Mr. Hall's fourth annual address to men only in this city, and many pronounced it his best. He talked on "Manhood." One of the candidates for mayor was present and heard Mr. Hall touch upon the political situation in no uncertain terms. He deplored the drawing of party lines in municipal elections, and averred that as long as good men refused to allow their names to be used as candidates the bum and thug element would rule.

At night the services opened with praise for the first 100 new members gained since the division of the old church last November. The big building was full, nearly every chair being occupied. The songs were of the rousing variety, and Mr. Hall's remarks were good natured. He referred facetiously to the statements some of the preachers are said to have made, that anybody could draw a crowd—even the devil! Then why don't they do it? He said "the ministry was the grandest profession in the world, and preachers ought not to be envious, tricky, jealous, etc., but fair, square, frank and manly. It is perhaps true that fireworks draw a crowd, but that is not what draws the people to the tabernacle as the pastor of this church doesn't soft soap anybody, but says plainly and boldly what he thinks ought to be said."

There were six baptisms as the conclusion of the sermon on "Christian Baptism," and ten accessions to the church altogether during the day. The meetings will be continued throughout the week. There will be a meeting for ladies only next Sunday, the special features of which will be a lecture on "Womanhood," singing by the ladies' quartet, beautiful platform decorations, including electrical fountain and pyramid of flowers, etc. Evangelist J. V. Counce of Indianapolis, one of the greatest revivalists of the Christian church, is expected to arrive Saturday, to assist in the work two or three weeks.

Death of a Child.

Eugene Edward, the 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Foulke, died of bronchitis Sunday morning at 7 o'clock

at the family residence, No. 942 North Union street. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. The services will be conducted by Rev. D. E. Howe and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

NEW BOARD OF TRADE.

Brown & Co., of Chicago, Located in the Fenton Block.

Brown & Co. are the proprietors of new board of trade rooms located in rooms 10 and 11 in the Fenton block. They will have a leased wire and will do business through the well known commission house of Price, McDonald & Co. of Chicago and New York. They will be open for business tomorrow morning and invite the public generally to call.

B. G. Brown and E. T. Looney are old operators in the business. Both were for two years connected with the Chicago board of trade and were then and have since been in close touch with all that pertains to the business of buying and selling grain.

SAW THE AIR SHIP.

It was Flying High and Going North Sunday Night.

The mysterious airship seen by so many people in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois recently, was seen Sunday night at 11:15 passing over Decatur northward, going at a rapid rate of speed. The one party who claims to have seen the machine is a bank clerk. He says it looked like two monster cigars with three bright headlights. The clerk asserts that he could not have been mistaken. He has been a doubter on the ship question, but now he is certain that the thing is a reality, and he is curious to learn all he can about the mystery that is puzzling millions of people.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—C. A. Pollock went to Chicago this morning.

—Attorney I. A. Buckingham is in Macon today.

—Miss Eve Hughey is visiting friends in Oakley.

—Mrs. W. A. Boettger is visiting relatives in Peoria.

—Mrs. George Rupert is confined to her home by illness.

—Mrs. J. L. Drake is visiting friends in Farmer City.

—Born—April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lyon, a son.

—Mrs. Mary Leahy is ill at her home on East Orchard street.

—Sheriff J. P. Nicholson went to Argentina today on a business trip.

—Mrs. A. N. Dill left this morning for Atlanta, Ill., where she will visit friends.

—Hon. W. G. Cochran of Sullivan, was in the city today on his way to Springfield this morning.

—John A. Reeve, clerk of the Illinois house of representatives, left for Springfield this morning.

—Miss Margaret Kline, who has been in the city visiting Miss Laura Spalding, left today for her home in Springfield.

—Superintendent Garrett of the Washash, arrived home this morning for a trip of inspection on the western end of the division.

—Walter McKune, who was in the city visiting his father, the chief clerk in the office of Superintendent Garrett, left today for his home in Chicago.

—Robert Spalding and T. D. Smith will leave tomorrow for Hannibal, Mo., where they will work for the Royal Court of Honor Insurance company.

—Mrs. Charles M. Lytle has gone to Haddonfield, N. J., in response to a telegram announcing the death of her father.

W. W. Thomas at his home in that place on Saturday. Mr. Thomas was aged 72 years and had been ill for some time with typhoid fever.

—Mrs. A. T. Grist returned from Zanesville, Ohio, where on April 8 she organized Bonner Camp No. 1 R. N. of A. with a good charter list. While in Zanesville Mrs. Grist was the guest of Mrs. Anna Bell. Mrs. Grist has been very successful this year in organizing camps.

Big Glass Broken.

One of the large plate glass windows in the Linn & Scruggs store was broken sometime Sunday evening. It was discovered about 8 o'clock that a bullet struck the center of the glass. It is not known how it happened but it is supposed that the glass was broken by some malicious persons. The glass was 116x182 inches in dimensions and is of a size which must be made to order. The damage is covered by insurance with H. L. Oldham's agency in the Fidelity and Casualty company.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8 dlw

Taken Suddenly Ill.

H. G. Boyer, proprietor of the Economy store, was taken suddenly ill at his store this forenoon and had to be conveyed to his home in a carriage. He is suffering from an attack of lumbago. At last accounts he was some better.

Webb C. Foster at 1075 North Water street has on hand the best cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh and full line of all goods in his line.

Stories of the Country

At Chasner resides a young man whose name is likely to go thundering down the ages as the synonym of something cruel and heartless in nature. This man is a partner in a general store and his store is in the neighborhood, counts the eggs or weighs the butter brought in by the farmers for all this fair exterior, his heart is a mass of ice, as two ladies, residents of the town can testify. The particular story which has brought the young man into such unfavorable notoriety occurred on the evening of April 1. This particular evening Mr. Chapman—there the name is slipped out, went to his bachelor quarters. He found the outer door locked and thought this rather strange, with a feminine giggle sounding somewhere on the premises caused him to rattle the door. He managed to reach his room running the gauntlet of clothes lines which had been cunningly disposed to trip unwary feet, and reached his room little the worse for wear. He noticed that the bed covering was somewhat disturbed but gave the matter little thought. He had dozed when a pronounced and vigorous snore smote on his ears. Here he solved himself into a committee of investigation, and a moment later discovered the family pug dog cooily slumbering under the cover. This was not all. The animal was dressed in a night robe, belonging to one of the infantile inhabitants of the house, and its ears were snugly tucked away under a pronounced feminine night cap. A suppressed murmur of merriment floated up the stairway and Mr. Chapman was "on." All right girls," quoth our hero, "be lightest wh— laughs last," and pushing his bed fellow to one side was soon in the land of dreams. There was a great deal of subdued excitement among the resident family the next morning when he appeared at the breakfast table, but never by word or deed did he swerve from the even tenor of his way. And this is why the disappointed damsels vote Mr. Chapman, a hard hearted brute, incapable of understanding or appreciating the pleasures of the season.

You can always get a good story at Mt. Zion, the village which was a town before Decatur came into existence. The old inhabitants are storehouses of ancient history and like the old shot gun are always loaded. The latest is the following: During the civil war there was a large and aggressive disloyal element among the inhabitants, and the local lodge of Knights of the Golden Circle carried a great many names on its roll. A guilty conscience needs no accuser and when a rumor ran through the settlement that a detachment of soldiers was coming over from Macon to arrest a number of the leading spirits the consternation of the knights can be imagined. While waiting the arrival of the soldiers, a member of the band had occasion to visit a friend living on the border of Macon county. Night had fallen when he set out for home. All went well until he had reached a point within two or three miles of the village, when he chanced to glance over the prairie and his hat fairly rose in his hand. He noticed far off to his right, a long line of dark figures advancing in regular order. He even fancied he could hear the rattle of metal accoutrements and hear low words of command. The soldiers were coming and he just warily retreated and hastily drawing back into the shadows, the valiant member of the far less brotherhood put his horse to its best speed and raced away for Mt. Zion. When he was warned, and there was a heavy breaking for the brush when the time was passed in fear and trembling for two days and nights until the news brought to the fugitives in the woods that they had been needlessly alarmed and could return home again. Then it leaked out that the column of federal troops which had caused the panic was only a row of fence posts which had been placed in position by a settler preparatory to closing his ground.

The heavy rains of the last few days have had a depressing effect on the farmers, and they are alarmed over the prospect. Oats should be in the ground. Corn hauled to market and both are out of the question.

A few days ago a farmer hauled into one of the county towns a load of corn which he sold for eight cents per bushel. At one time he could have sold the grain for fifty cents per bushel.

W. B. Dingman and son of Nant's own pair of handsome Cuban bloodhounds which they have carefully trained and which promise to make the renowned Rattler look to his laurels.

The Sangamon river which has been somewhat elevated for a few weeks past has come down from its proud estate and is content to remain within natural bounds.

Dalton City boasts a new business enterprise, Mrs. W. H. Taylor and Miss Matie Bottomfield have formed a partnership for the sale of millinery goods. The ladies have a neat storeroom in a new building and their stock will compare favorably with the Decatur emporiums of feminine headgear. Miss Bottomfield has spent some time in Chicago studying the fashions and designs and with this in addition to her business interests Dalton City can take a long step forward.

Children's Tan Shoes, 8 to 10 1/2, 95c a pair, in rich button at Powers' shoe store.—8-d&w

NEWS AT ATHENS.

Greek and Turkish Troops in Motion, All Looking for Trouble.

WAR OR A BACKDOWN SOON TO COME

Stirring Times in Greece and at Constantinople—Soldiers Tied Up in the Mountains by Rain and Snow.

Athens, April 12.—The facts as to the frontier situation are developing slowly for two reasons. First, snow, rain and bitterly cold winds retarded the campaign in the mountainous districts and occasionally or otherwise all dispatches are being delayed, but if developments are along the situation is none the less menacing. The open outbreak of hostilities or a backdown by one or both countries cannot be much longer delayed. Here and at Constantinople are daily prolonged meetings, councils of ministers, and it is generally recognized that there must be a decided change soon. The Greek National League or Ethniko Hetairia, are not a party to this attitude, as shown by its light into Macedonia. In spite of all official denial nobody doubts that the Greek officials were fully aware of this movement which was not only prepared for but was freely discussed for a long time. It is as secret here that by the end of the present week at least ten thousand Greek "irregulars" will be in Macedonia, Albania and Epirus having been sent under pretense of maintaining the status quo. The Turkish minister at Athens has called the attention of the government to the departure of further "irregulars" into Macedonia, complaining that they were able to evade the Greek troops. The reply was: "Greece might make the same complaint as to the vigilance of the Turkish troops." The next important move will be from the Greek headquarters at Arta, where banks, stores, etc., are closing, making every possible preparation to get out of harm's way. Ethniko Hetairia has 2000 men there about to start, or already started, in six detachments, having separate destination, each to raise the flag of the Greek Cross in certain localities.

Greeks Ready for War.

A harassing rear Turkish force which is to be directed against the Greek regulars is operating from Arta. The government has "given strict orders" to stop the departure of these irregulars, but it is semi-officially explained that the Greek commander at Arta is "unable to spare men to intercept them." Probably this officer as most other Greek officers like himself is a member of the Ethniko Hetairia. The Greeks intend when ready to attack, to capture Janina, which according to the treaty at Berlin, belongs to Greece. Another force of "irregulars" are preparing to cut off Turkish communication with Salonica. If successful the three Turkish army divisions and corps at Grevena will be cut off from communication with the east and the other from base supplies. In the meantime several strong Greek fleets are well posted to do the greatest execution against Turkey the moment war is openly declared.

A Russian View.

St Petersburg, April 12.—The Novoye Vremya declares that all coercion of Greece by the Powers will cease as soon as war is declared. Otherwise it would appear like pro-Turkish intervention.

AIR-SHIP BEATS A TRAIN.

Burlington Post Mail Outdistanced by the Aerial Navigator.

Burlington, Iowa, April 12.—Engineer J. L. Builard, on engine No. 940, of the first mail, saw the air ship. This popular railroad man states that when he left Chicago yesterday morning and when he reached Western avenue he saw a huge spectacle in the sky moving along in the same direction as his train. He watched it for a few minutes and then was compelled to give his undivided attention to his engine for five or ten minutes, and when he again looked out the monster was some distance ahead. He stated that the train was going at the rate of seventy miles an hour at the time, and when they reached Lisle, Ill., the ship was lost sight of, being many miles ahead. Mr. Builard thought that this aerial schooner must have been traveling at the rate of 100 to 150 miles per hour.

Observed at Moline, Ill.

Moline, Ill., April 12.—The airship was seen passing south over Rock river, a few miles south of the city, about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning by a number of farmers. Benjamin Carr, a prominent farmer, avers that he saw it quite distinctly. He describes it as having a cigar-shaped body or hull, apparently about 15 feet long, with large winglike projections on each